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Date: 7/12/06

To: DAR CHAMMOND, WATER RIGHTS

From: ROB LARNAWAGA

Subject: 1998 BACKGROUND MEMOS - CAMAS WATER
RIGHT INFO.

DAR:

I WILL CALL TO DISCUSS THE
ILLEGAL WATER DIVERSION INFO. & MAP
FROM DUCKS UNLIMITED INC. THAT
WILL BE MAILED TO YOU

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Date: 7/19/06

To: TIM LUKE

From: ROB LAMANTHA

Subject: RAYS LAKE PUMP

TIM:

MY SUPERVISOR, DIKE MUNDZ, AND I
MET WITH ROGER WARNER ON 11/1/2005 TO
REVIEW THE RAYS LAKE WATER RIGHTS
AS THEY MIGHT PERTAIN TO THE PUMP
IN QUESTION. I HOPE TO COMPILE
A SUMMARY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.



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Southeast Idaho Refuge Complex
1246 Yellowstone Avenue, A-4
Pocatello, Idaho 83201-4372

August 14, 1998

MEMORANDUM

To: Don Voros, Refuge Supervisor

From: Project Leader, Southeast Idaho NWR Complex

Subject: Illegal Water Diversion

On August 6, 1998 Camas National Wildlife Refuge employees observed what we believe is an illegal diversion of water from Camas Creek. Idaho Department of Water Resources should be requested to investigate the situation and take action as necessary to stop this diversion if it is illegal. The point of diversion is located in SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of S25, T7N, R35E and is an electric motor and pump operated by the Owsley Canal Company (see enclosed map).

The Sauve Decree (also known as the Mud Lake Decree) adjudicated the waters of Mud Lake and its tributaries, including Camas Creek. Mud Lake water user's water rights are based upon the amount of water present in Mud Lake which takes "into consideration actual accretion to the lake from natural inflow...". The Owsley Canal Company (OCC) has adjudicated rights with Mud Lake as the source.

For many years the OCC has operated an earthen dam in Camas Creek to prevent a back flow of well water up the channel after they begin pumping a series of wells that dump water into the creek channel. The OCC would annually push dirt across the channel and remove the dirt before the next year's run-off. No water could flow either direction through the earthen dam and they could operate their wells to send water to Mud Lake.

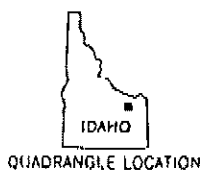
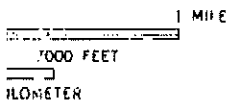
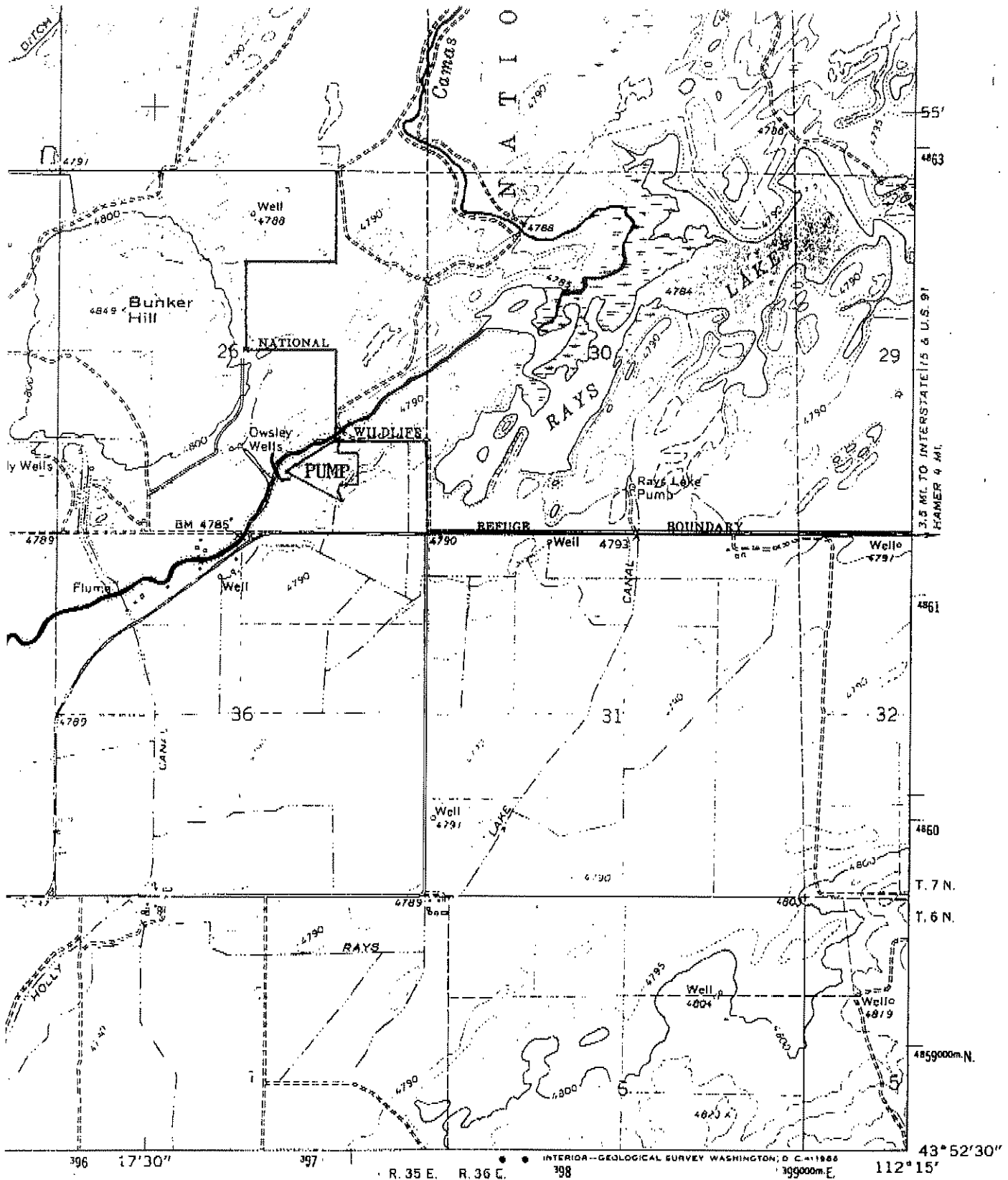
Eventually OCC added several large pipes with screw lift-gates to the earthen dam so that the dam would not have to be rebuilt each year. The pipes would remain open to allow the natural flow of Camas Creek to pass downstream. When it came time to start pumping the wells, the screw lift-gates would be closed. Thus, whether the OCC pushed in an earthen dam or closed the screw lift-gates, the natural flow of Camas Creek ceased.

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Recently the OCC installed a pump to lift water from the upstream side of the dam and dump it to the downstream side. This is not "natural inflow" of Camas Creek water. We believe the OCC is pumping water to which they have no legal right and this illegal pumping should be stopped.

Milton Haderlie

CC: Dick Munoz
Paul Rauch
Barbara Scott-Brier



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 Medium-duty ————— Light-duty —————
 Unimproved dirt - - - - -

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